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prior to effective date April 13, 2001. Applicant respectfully submits an unmodified invention disclosure showing that the date the invention disclosure was received in the Intellectual Property Department at SRAM Deutschland was February 9, 2001. A translation of the invention disclosure is also attached. Since the date of the invention disclosure is prior to April 13, 2001, the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 should be withdrawn.

This reply is believed to be fully responsive to the comments and suggestions of the Examiner and to place this application in condition for allowance. Favorable action is requested.

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